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NEW GAS WELLS TO PROBE AREA TO PROVE KNOWN GAS RESERVES

LAC LA BICHE — "Roughnecks," mammoth trucks and survey men carrying little boxes of delicate instruments are infiltrating the Lac la Biche district again this winter. Canadian Delhi Company are drilling seven wells six miles apart across the lake, in search for gas and oil. It is definitely known that this area has tremendous gas reserves, awaiting only pipe lines to export it from the district to make it a marketable commodity.

It will take Canadian Delhi three weeks to drill each well, and unless oil in marketable quantities is discovered, only six more wells, in addition to the one already started, will be drilled. Drilling site is 26 miles southwest of town.

Two years ago Lac la Biche got world-wide fame as possessor of the second "wildest well in Canada. While drilling for oil, gas with terrific pressure was located a few hundred feet beneath the surface. Escaping gas caused the ground around the derrick to crater, and this resulted in loss of thousands of dollars' worth of valuable drilling equipment. Fortunately the escaping gas did not ignite, as happened to Leduc's wild well.

This year, drillers are well prepared with ample supplies of sawdust and cement to cope with any possible "wild well" activity.

If export of natural gas to the West Coast is authorized by the Provincial Government, it is expected that gathering lines will originate in the Lac la Biche district. If the lines come close enough to town it will mean that Lac la Biche will be able to "hook up" to the main supply lines and serve residents of the town with natural gas.

MISSION NEWS BRIEFS

While out hunting, Russ Galbreath had the misfortune to receive a bullet wound in his ankle. He was able to walk home, and from there he was taken to the Lac la Biche Hospital.

A fire destroyed a truck belonging to Bob Christensen.

Alma Boucher from Caslan visited at the home of Mrs. Beatrice Ladouceur.

The cold weather is having little effect on the fishermen around here. They keep the fish hopping.

Marguerite Cardinal, who had been staying with Mrs. R. Frederick, has returned to her parents' home.

Mr. George Cloutier is working for the Hogan Brothers.

The oil drillers are stationed six miles north of Lac la Biche, where they and their equipment will spend the winter.

Mr. V. J. Flobert is home after spending two months in the University Hospital in Edmonton. He is not feeling well; his son will be with him for a time.

Mr. Narcisse Ladouceur is visiting his dauyhter, Alvina, in Edmonton.

Mrs. A. Beaudoin went to Edmonton on business.

Hilaire, Roger, Bob and Edgar Ladouceur are back from White Court. They are fishing in Lac la Biche where they claim fishing is the best.

Rev. Father Oueilette has gone to Prince Albert. The district is sorry to lose him.

Rev. Brother Cote has gone to St. Albert. He was here with the Oblate Fathers for 15 years. The disrtict will miss him.

Appointed New Car Dealers

LAC LA BICHE — "Hec" McCormick, Massey-Harris and White Rose dealer in Lac la Biche, has recently been appointed dealer for Chrysler, Plymouth cars and Fargo trucks. Already several new Plymouth cars have been sold to purchasers in the Lac la Biche district.

Mr. McCormick attended sessions in Edmonton last week. A new repair shop has been added to the premises and the front end will be remodelled for a display room.

Garage Operator Chose "Town With A Future"

LAC LA BICHE — Bernard Carney and Arthur Bownman, new owners of the Ford and Monarch garage here, have changed its name to "B & C Motors." At first they called it "Universal Motors" but to avoid conflict with name of an Athbasca garage called the same, the new designation of B & C Motors was chosen.

Mr. Carney says that before coming to Lac la Biche he made a personal survey of all likely towns in the province, and came to the conclusion that Lac la Biche had the best future and chances of sustained development. He says that now that water and sewage are on the agenda, he wouldn't be surprised to see it double in population within the next five to ten years.

GRASSLAND NEWS BRIEFS

A farewell party for Miss Ries, District Nurse, who is leaving at Christmas time, was held in the Community Hall on Saturday. A large crowd was in attendance, and many were the tributes made in appreciation of Miss Ries' services.

The Community League projector is undergoing much-needed repairs. In the meantime the use of the school projector has been obtained, and shows are expected to continue as usual.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Derko were in Edmonton for a couple of days.

A largely attended "Pot and Pan" party was held at the home home of Mrs. Steve Luchka.

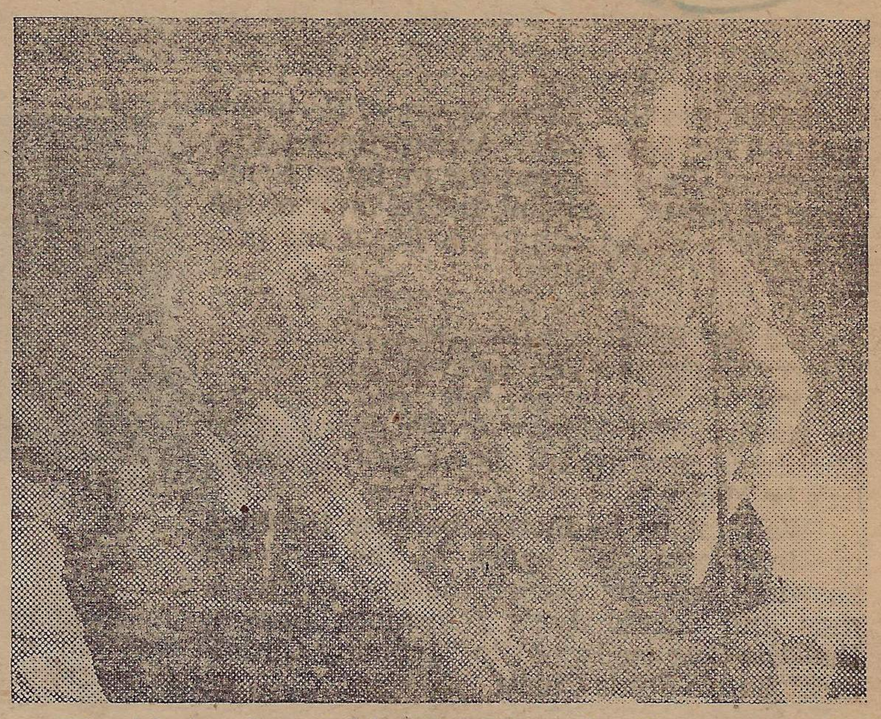
John Jenkins can be seen driving an English car these days, and Orest Chromiak has purchased a three-ton truck, in which he is hauling pulpwood.

Mrs. Nykolyn, mother of Mrs. Semeniuk of Grassland, is back in hospital at Lac la Biche. Hopes are entertained for her speedy recovery.

Court News

LAC LA BICHE—Bill Werenka was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in Fort Saskatchewan Jail. He was found guilty of operating a gambling house and taking a rakeoff from juveniles. He was employed for the past year repairing shoes in John Onufruw's shoe store.

Mitchell Justrebitz was sentenced to Fort Saskatchewan Jail for three months for theft.



Blood being donated by Canadians in the current Red Cross campaign in saving lives of Canadian soldiers in Korea. A wounded member of the 25th Canadian Infantry Brigade receives a Red Cross blood plasma transfusion at the Advanced Dressing Station in the battle area. Major J. R. Feindel (left) of Bridgewater, N.S., administers the transfusion, assisted by Pte. Ray Surrette, Halifax, and Pte. John Stewart, P.E.I. (right).

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT GETS WAYLAID ON LATE TRAIN

LAC LA BICHE — J. H. Vollans, assistant superintendent of the Northern Alberta Railways, chose a rare occasion to make an inspection trip to Lac la Biche and Waterways. It was the one day in a year when the train was late, by several hours, getting into Lac la Biche.

Cause of the delay was a derailment that took place at Mile 7 just before the train arrived at Carbondale. The train, normally due late Wednesday afternoon, didn't arrive in town until 2:30 a.m.

Mink Pelt Show Opens In City

A mink pelt fur show was held recently in the Massey-Harris building under the sponorship of the Alberta Fur Breeders Association in co-operation with the department of agriculture.

Purpose of the show, according to J. Kokolsky, fur farm supervisor for the department, is to educate fur ranchers in the production of top quality pelts. "Alberta is the number one producer of ranch raised furs in the dominion, and the quality of furs produced compares favorably with the best on the continent," he said.

W. Levine is judging the pelts. Judging will be carried out on the basis of size, volume of fur, length of guard fur, density of under fur, clearness of color and good pelt handling.

Types of mink pelts on display include standards, pastels, whites, silver blues, sapphires, elusians, arctics, topaz and ranch-raised wilds.

A live animal show, the last of the season for western Canada, will be held on Jan. 8, 9, and 10. Entries from all over North America are expected.

SEEK TO INCLUDE LAC LA BICHE IN AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AREA

LAC LA BICHE — Delegations from Lac la Biche have been made to the Plamondon Agricultural Society to have the Lac la Biche area included in the scope and district served by the society.

Government regulations prevent establishment of any other agricultural society within 50 miles of an existing organization. It is understood that the Plamondon Agricultural Society is agreeable to enlargement of its work and a change in the charter will be sought.

M. Hammar, T. Lett, H. C. McCaskill, Mayor Hall of Lac la Biche and George Parker of Goose Lake, along with representatives from Craigend, Normandeau, Hylo and Venice are delegates to the annual meeting of the society held Saturday.

DREAMLAND THEATRE

BOYLE — Alberta

PRESENTS:

Mon., Tues. and Wed., Dec. 24, 25 and 26—

"King Solomon's Mines"

(FAMILY SHOW)

Starring

DEBORAH KERR and STEWART GRANGER

AURORA THEATRE

Lac la Biche — Alberta

PRESENTS

Wednesday, December 19—
"QUEBEC"
The story of Old Quebec in Blazing Color. Time: 8:30.

Thursday, December 20—
Annual Christmas Concert
Presented by the Teachers and Pupils of Lac la Biche School District. Time 8:00.

Fri. and Sat., Dec. 21 - 22—
"ALL ABOUT EVE"
Starring: Bette Davis, Anne Baxter, Celeste Holme, George Sanders. It's all about Women and their Men. Adult Entertainment. Friday, 8:30. Saturday, 7:00 and 9:15.
Saturday, Free Cartoon Matinee for Kiddies at 2:30

Sunday, December 23—
MIDNIGHT PREVIEW
'Drums in the Deep South'
Doors Open 11:30. Show Commences 12:05.

Mon. and Tues., Dec. 24 - 25—
"The Great Caruso"
Starring: Mario Lanza and Anne Blyth. A Must in your entertainment program for the Christmas Season. A picture you will always remember. Time 8:30.

Merry Christmas to All

EDITORIALS

The Quest For Christ

Finding Jesus Christ in Christmas, 1951 edition, requires as much initiative and perseverance on the part of the seeker today as the wise men of the East displayed just after the first Christmas.

But to those who seek, and find, the rewards are great and satisfying. Where the world sees a glittering display of tinsel, the Christian sees the golden verses of Scripture that tell the true story. Where the worldly aspects of Christmas put the mythical Santa Claus on the top pedestal, the follower of the baby Jesus clasps within his heart the person of the Lord Christ.

To the world, the name Christmas stays on, but the Spirit has departed. We seek a "Merry Christmas" not knowing what we're looking for. Reverence has been displaced by revelry, worship by drunkenness. One Christmas card urges "Jimminy Christmas, let's be Merry."

Well, let us be merry, because the Star of Bethlehem still hangs in the Heavens showing men and women the way to happiness and peace. Let's remember though, that the Star leads, not to "Jimminy Christmas" but to Jesus Christ.

Leaving Small Children Alone At Home

Commenting on the death of a small child in a recent Edmonton fire, Coroner Dr. M. M. Cantor gave a serious warning to those installing heating equipment in their homes. The greatest care must be taken, Dr. Cantor said, to ensure there is no danger from faulty installation.

In this case no blame could be charged to either the parents or others in the child's death, but there are cases where thoughtless parents go out for various reasons and leave very small children in the house unguarded. These are the cases where some action should be taken in the interest of the children to secure protection and compel careless parents to shoulder the blame if anything happens to their children when left alone.

It is hard to understand how parents with even a spark of natural love for their children can leave their young lives in jeopardy, as some do. There have been far too many cases of this kind in the recent past.

When Wets Get Dry

For seven long and thirsty weeks patrons of Vancouver beer parlors were going about with their tongues hanging out, much like racing dogs after a run. The employees of the West Coast Breweries were on strike, and, notwithstanding the stocking up of supplies before the strike, inability of the drinkers to conserve their reserves resulted in the city of Vancouver being a very dry place for wets to live in.

It would be a useful piece of work if the B.C. Government or the Temperance Societies, or even the Brewers, would authorize and pay for an independent survey to determine the economic, sociological and public health results of a prolonged drought of this nature. How much more money was spent on milk for the children? Did mother and children get more to eat, more to wear? Did merchants find their bills were paid more promptly?

What happened to the crime index? Did the divorce lawyers do less business? With reduced levies in liquor taxes and fines did the provincial and city governments have to lay off civil servants and police officers handling tax income and dealing with offenses against the law?

Did business men pay more attention to business? The time normally spent in beer parlours—was it put to better use by workers on wages?

Did the auto accident mortality rate drop? Were there less cases of alcoholism in the hospitals?

Now that the dry spell is over, have former drinkers found they can get along better without the stuff?

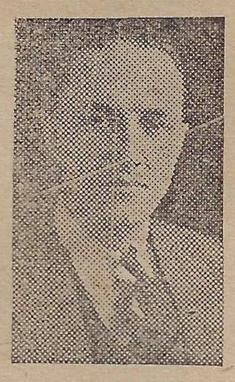
We feel this is too good an opportunity for someone in B.C.—perhaps the University—to make a study in the matter of drinking and alcoholism and perhaps come up with some of the answers to the most preplexing problems afflicting our society.

The Day Messiah Came

By T. W. PUE

If someone told you that a year from now a certain young woman, living in a remote area of Alberta, was to be married and give birth within a year to a bouncing baby boy under certain peculiar circumstances—what would you be likely to say?

You'd say the person foretelling such an event was either a nut or a prophet. If within the 365 day period the events of the baby's birth should be heralded from one end of the land to the other, and the newspapers' headlines should scream "It happened—just as so-and-so said it would," you'd know your foreteller was a prophet and the mother and child would be the object of more than mere human curiosity.



T. W. PUE

And if that child were to grow up and develop according to the prophecy of the informer, you would be more certain than ever that the whole business was of divine origin.

700 YEARS BEFORE

Today we speak of "The Miracle of Christmas," and truly it was a miracle. A Virgin gave birth to a baby boy. Four news reporters of the day, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John recorded the events as faithfully as any modern journalists would do. He was born under extraordinary circumstances, this baby boy. But the strangest part of it all is that the entire story was written in prophetic language 712 years before he was born.

The Prophet Isaiah in the 23rd chapter wrote: "Who has believed our report, and to whom has this Christ (arm of the Lord) been revealed?" Today, the Jewish people to whom Christ came as a Jewish babe, and who was brought up according to Jewish law and precept, still do not accept him as the Messiah. They do not believe the report. To them the Messiah has not been revealed.

CHRIST'S SUFFERINGS REVEALED

Isaiah goes on to explain, in poetic and prophetic language, how the Messiah had "no form or comeliness that we should desire him." He came as a man-child and not as the Son of God might be expected to come—perhaps riding a chariot of fire. So, because he lacked a spectacular earth-appearance, Jesus was not appealing to a nation suffering the tyrant's rod and rule and hoping for emancipation.

Then, Isaiah explains the sacrificial aspect of Christ's life, how he was deprived of a just trial, and how he was wounded (at his trial and on the Cross) as the Lamb of God sent to "take away the sin of the world."

It is all there, the complete account, written before Jesus was born. Seven hundred years before.

The story of His miraculous birth. His exemplary life, the false accusations that lead to a trial where even the Roman justice of the day was made a mockery, and his death on the Cross. The triumph of the Cross is there also, how by his suffering he should redeem many. It is all there. Written by a man inspired seven centuries before the event.

Well, that's the story. Actually, the Bible places very little emphasis on the birth of Christ. It is His death, the purpose of His being born at all, that makes the Christian secure in his faith.

But this Christmas, like hundreds of Christmases before it, people will celebrate an event that should mean something vital to each and every one of us, without knowing why. And without knowing the Christ, the Messiah, the Son of God, the Saviour whose birth they celebrbate.

WHEN WE GIVE GIFTS

We give gifts at Christmas as a token of the Great Gift God gave when he sent His Son to the world. The writer John said: "For God so loved the World He gave His only Begotten Son that whosover believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Do you believe the message of salvation God sent with His Son? Or do you disdain the title of Christian in your life?

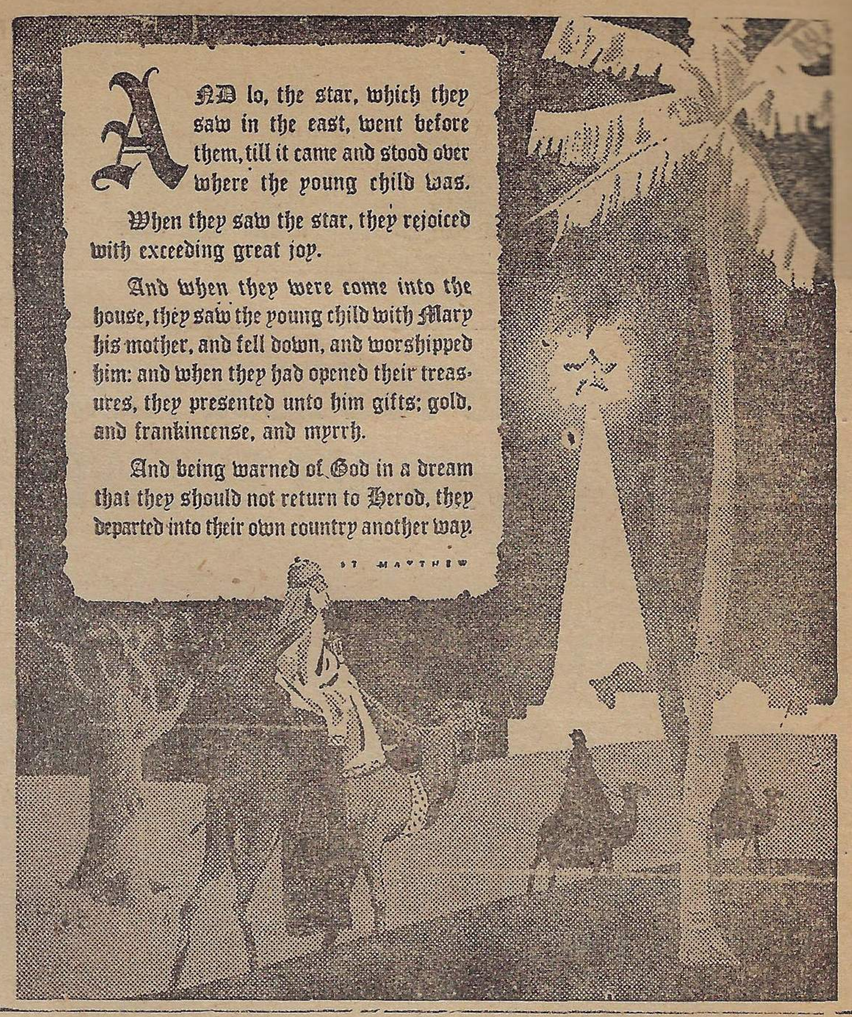
Of course you have a perfect right to celebrate Christmas and still not believe in it. The word Christmas means "the Christ feast." But how can you celebrate the Saviour's birth and deny His mission?

The Bible Today:

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men." Luke 2, 7.

Performing Pigs

When visitors came, Sonny, age five, took them to see the pigs in their electric fence enclosure, explaining, "When the piggies back into the 'lectric fence, there'll be a short circus."



Voice of the People

"VOX POPULI, VOX DEI"

FOR PRICE FIXING

Dear Sir—Most standard brands are sold in reputable stores at about the same price. Merchants and consumers find it is pointless to try cutthroat price reductions. It produces a little extra business for this or that store, and a few cents saving for the customers who are willing to chase around after bargains, but, broadly speaking, they have little effect on the general price level, or the cost of living.

After Parliament has passed the new law to prevent producers telling retailers at what price standard goods should be sold—if Parliament does anything so foolish—the hope is that there will be more bargain sales and price cutting.

Under this plan consumers will live in a state of constant confusion. They will have to hurry from store to store, looking for this or that bargain. In the end, they will pay just as much for their total supply of goods as they pa now.

The theory is that, if they are left alone, manufacturers and merchants will rob the public. The whole Combines law, which makes it a criminal offence for sensible men to get together and fix prices in a sensible fashion, has been built up on this demagogic appeal to the public to believe the worst of businessmen.

LET'S BE FAIR.
Bowness, Alta.

FROM "DOWN UNDER"

I would be very much obliged if you could obtain through your valuable paper a pen pal for myself, age 15. My interests are sports in general, dancing, films and stamps.

Yours faithfully,
JIM ALLAN.
16 Cragnall Crescent,
Wakari, Dunedin,
Otago, New Zealand.

NEEDED: DRIVER CHECK-UP

Dear Sir—By January 2, 1952, all cars and trucks must be checked for mechanical defects. Does the Government think this will lessen accidents? Their slogan—get the junk heaps off the road isn't the answer. How often do you hear of an old, slow car getting into an accident?

The big causes of auto accidents are speed and booze. Good lights and faultless brakes don't help when drunks can step from the beer parlor into their cars and speed away. Regardless of mechanical perfection, we'll have accidents and death as long as booze hounds are allowed to drink and drive. Eliminate the drinking drivers and you won't need to worry whether the horn works or not.

PHIL CARDY.
Abee, Alberta.

TEMPEST OVER TEA

Dear Sir — Oh, these lousy, grafting restaurants that have the gall to charge 10c or more for a cup of tea! Tea companies advertise tea as costing less than 1c per cup, so that's at least 1,000 per cent profit for such restaurants. Whatta country!

TEDDY NIHILL.
Edmonton.

WANT TEACHERS' HELP

Dear Sir—Since when do teachers expect the students to organize any social function or inter-school teams without their assistance? In other schools, activities are organized and directed under teachers' supervision, while here the students are entirely independent. How do they expect the students to be interested in school work and form successful teams and functions? Do you call this teacher-student co-operation?

ANONYMOUS.
Redwater, Alta.

THE PERFECT SQUELCH

From the Saturday Evening Post

During an all-day farm meeting a character in the front row kept interrupting speaker after speaker. Although this human windmill had little of a constructive nature to offer, he very nearly broke up the meeting with his constant heckling and his guffaws at his own seedy wit. The chairman, his special target, found it almost impossible to preside. It was with relief that he announced a question-and-answer period.

But the pest was one of the first to spring to his feet. While most of those present groaned, "What, again?" he announced, "I have a problem and maybe some of you smart folks can figure out the answer. It goes like this: A couple of times lately my milk cows were all lying down contented, but as soon as I walked into the lot they jumped up and ran in all directions. Maybe you, Mr. Chairman, can tell me why they did that?"

"Sure thing," the weary chairman drawled without changing his expression. "They probably thought you were going to make a speech." —DICK MANN.

Spotlight on . . .

ALBERTA

A News Section About Alberta People

Week Ending Dec. 22, 1951

Grade V Students Received Gift Of New Testament Before Christmas

Grade V children in Edmonton and Northern Alberta district schools received one important gift ahead of the Christmas season. It consisted of a copy of the New Testament with Psalms and Proverbs.

Two months ago Everett Wickens, president of the Edmonton Camp of the Gideons, an association of Christian businessmen, presented the first Gideon Testament of the 1951 distribution season to Adolph Kadach, Grade 5 student in Garneau school, Edmonton. Since then hundreds more testaments have gone out in this year's distribution program.

The testaments are distributed yearly to all Grade 5 students in a plan which began in 1946, in an effort to put a testament in the hands of every school child.

Presentation is made personally by Gideons in Edmonton and nearby schools, and in every school district north of Edmonton. The school districts in distant points are served at the same time as school books are sent to the students by the Department of Education.

At schools which the Gideons are unable to reach personally, correspondence is carried on with the secretary treasurer of the divisions, and a letter is sent to be read to the pupils when the testaments are presented.

Presentations are made only to Grade 5 students, because it was found that students in the age group of ten, eleven, and twelve appreciated the gift most. As the distribution is carried out yearly, every student receives a copy.

Since 1946, when the Youth Testament Work was begun, over 20,000 copies have been put in the hands of school children. This year, 2,100 copies were distributed in Edmonton, and 5,000 were sent into the town and country schools of Alberta.

The Department of Education has given full support to the distribution plan, and co-operate with the Gideons in their work.

The Gideons also distribute testaments throughout the hospitals, penal instituions, funeral homes, hotels, and other locations where they will be appreciated. Nurses are given gold and white copies at their "capping" ceremonies. This work is done mainly by the ladies' auxiliary to the Gideons.

The work of the Gideons is financed by the support of business men and contributions, and is entirely a non profit organization.

Cowboy Singer Calls Calgary Home Town

Wilf Carter, the singing cowboy, who considers Calgary his home town, is credited with making more records than any man alive including Bing Crosby.

In the December 1 issue of Maclean's Magazine, June Callwood tells the slow-but-sure success story of Carter who rode the range in Alberta long before he lassoed himself more than a million cowboy-music fans in Canada, Australia and the U.S.

The first time he rode a boxcar to the Prairies he was 13. He found h' was too small for real cowboy deeds so he went back home. But in 1924, Miss Callwood writes, at 23, he again headed west, this time to stay.

Carter imitated Pete Knight, a Calgary Stampede world's champion in two songs, "Pete Knight King of the Cowboys" and "Pete Knight's Last Ride." Thanks to Knight he became one of the best cardowners in the business, and they rode the rodeo circuit together.

The first time he applied for a radio job the Calgary station manager who listened to him told him to return to the prairie, Miss Callwood reports. He was a cowhand for several years.

Shortly after Carter moved to New York in 1934 he was drawing more fan mail than anyone on CBS, which broadcasts his program to more than 250 stations. Today, writes Maclean's, he makes $25,000 a year.

Miss Callwood writes that "of all the disappointments the lanky Carter has had, few have matched his recent experience . . . with Calgary." He was contacted in New Jersey, where he now lives, and asked his fee to appear at the Stampede. (He has drawn a crowd of 25,000 at the Toronto bandshell, a record crowd). Wilf figured his expenses driving six thousand miles, staying in a hotel, paying his tax and making a small profit. He said five hundred dollars would do it.

"Five hundred!" bellowed the Stampede director. "For a hometown boy! Are you crazy?"

Wilf never did appear in Calgary. The closest to it that he's taken his songs is to his $45,000 ranch in Carstairs.



DISTRIBUTION of Testaments among school students in Alberta for the 1951-52 term was started recently when Everett Wickens, president of the Edmonton Gideon camp, presented the first Testament to Adolph Kadach, grade 5 student at Garneau school, Edmonton. Participants in the presentation from left to right are Miss Margaret Steele, grade 5 teacher; A. E. Might, principal of Garneau High School; Adolph Kadach, grade 5 student; R. S. Sheppard, superintendent of school for Edmonton, and Mr. Wickens, president of the Edmonton Gideon camp.

Province Will Pay Extra Pension Using Means Test As Basis

Alberta old age pension receivers will be given an extra 10 dollars by the provincial government on Jan. 1 when the dominion wide pension plan goes into effect, it was announced recently by Premier Manning. The grant from the province will be given only to those who are over 70 years old, and only after they have passed a means test.

Free hospital and medical care will also be given to the pensioners providing that they can pass the means test.

The means test allows the pensioners to have an income of $240 a year. Above this yearly income the pension will be graded down in proportion.

Mr. Manning stated that pensioners could receive payments under the mother's allowance act, federal family allowances, money assigned by a member of the armed forces, money received out of public funds, and casual gifts. These would not be included under annual income.

The premier also warned those who are eligible under the pension plan that application must be made before the end of December if the pension is to be received in January, when the dominion's plan comes into effect.

Shortage Grain Dryers Hamper Farm Storage

Grain drying facilities in Alberta are plugged to the limit, according to a report issued recently, and farmers are advised to stop threshing grain from snow-covered stooks. Huge volumes of wet grain has been hauled to elevators, and the grain buyers are unable to move the wet grain fast enough to prevent spoilage.

C. E. Sage, manager of the National Grain Company in Edmonton, has advised farmers to take a chance on getting the opportunity to thresh in the spring, rather than have the grain piled up on farms.

He went on to say that "There are neither facilities nor the time in which to dry all the grain which has been threshed damp and is now lying in farm bins and in fields. Farmers would be well advised to delay any further threshing until the grain is dry, so as to avoid the loss, shrinkage and possible spoilage of wet grain."

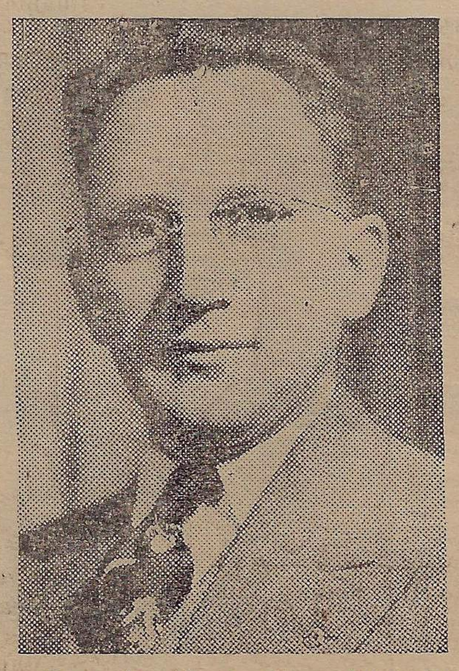
Provincial Minister of Agriculture Is Also Active, Working Farmer

During his lifetime Hon. David A. Ure, Minister of Agriculture in Premier Manning's Social Credit Government, has been a teacher, auctioneer, politician and statesman. First, last and always, however, Mr. Ure is a farmer.

Speaking to a gathering at Cloverbar United Church called together last week to honor 1951 Master Farmers the J. W. Hosford family, Floyd Baker, MLA, credited Mr. Ure with originating the Master Farm Family idea. Mr. Ure himself stated the Government adopted it to "give credit to the industry that is basic to our whole economy and way of life—the agricultural industry."

At present, the Hon. Mr. Ure has a farm in the Stony Plain district that can boast 175 "good" hogs and 65 head of cattle. "Mr. Ure makes a good Minister of Agriculture," Mr. Baker said, "because fundamentally he is a good farmer himself."

Christmas Seal contributions are income tax deductible.



Hon. David A. Ure, Minister of Agriculture in the Alberta Government, who originated the Master Farm Family idea and who operates a farm on his own in the Stony Plain district.

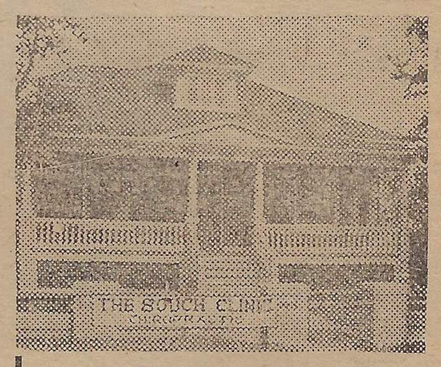
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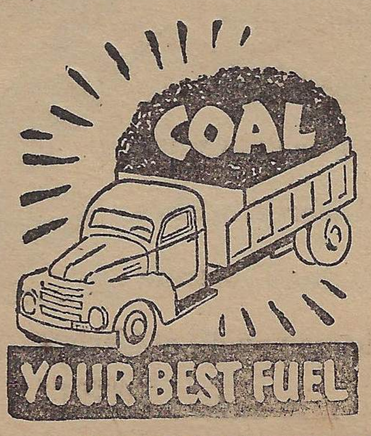
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First Canadian troops to serve in Germany since the close of World War II, these members of 27th Brigade Canadian Light Infantry are seen chatting with Defence Minister Brooke Claxton at Wolfe's Cove, Quebec City, prior to their departure for Rotterdam aboard the T.S.S. Canbera. Upon their arrival in Holland, the infantrymen will proceed by train to Hanover, where they will join N.A.T.O. forces under Gen. Eisenhower's command.

Three Paved Roads Across Alberta Soon

Three main highways running across Alberta will be entirely hard-surfaced by the end of 1956, it wasc reported recently by Hon. Gordon Taylor, Minister of Highways.

The three highways will be number 16, which passes through Edmonton, number 1, the trans-Canada highway, which will pass through Medicine Hat, Calgary and Banff, and number 3 highway, south through the Crowsnest pass.

Mr. Taylor added that the new highways will all be at least 36 feet in width, which allows two twelve foot strips and two wide shoulders on the roads.

The double-barred cross, which always appears on the Christmas Seals sold to obtain funds for Tb. prevention, was adopted as the symbol of the fight against tuberculosis in an international convention in Berlin in 1902.

CNR Agriculturist Addresses Horse Men

T. P. Devlin, of the Agricultural Department, CNR, told members of the Alberta Horse Breedrs' Association, at their annual meeting recently, that the horse-meat indusry is having a favorable effect on the horse breeding industry.

He went on to say that selling of horses for consumption is removing the undesirable stock from Alberta farms. Mr. Devlin added however, that the horse population was rapidly declining in Alberta.

Mr. Devlin was one of the speakers at the election meeting of the association.

Before the discussion took place, James Russell, of Bon Accord, was re-elected president of the association for the second term. Also re-elected were W. J. Burns and William Russell of Edmonton and George Reith of Bon Accord. John Bryden, Mannville; Sinclair Phillips, Ponoka; and George Glover of Edmonton, were named to two year terms.

Weather May Ruin Workers' Holidays

Old Man Winter will decide what kind of a Christmas the employees of the Maintenance Branch of the Department of Highways, will enjoy.

Snowstorms will find these men hard at work with snowplows and trucks, keeping the roads clear for the holiday travellers. But if the weather is clear, maintenance workers will join the rest of Alberta citizens in enjoying their Christmas dinners.

Crews make a special effort during Christmas week to keep the highways clear, as a greater volume of traffic is usually experienced throughout the Province.



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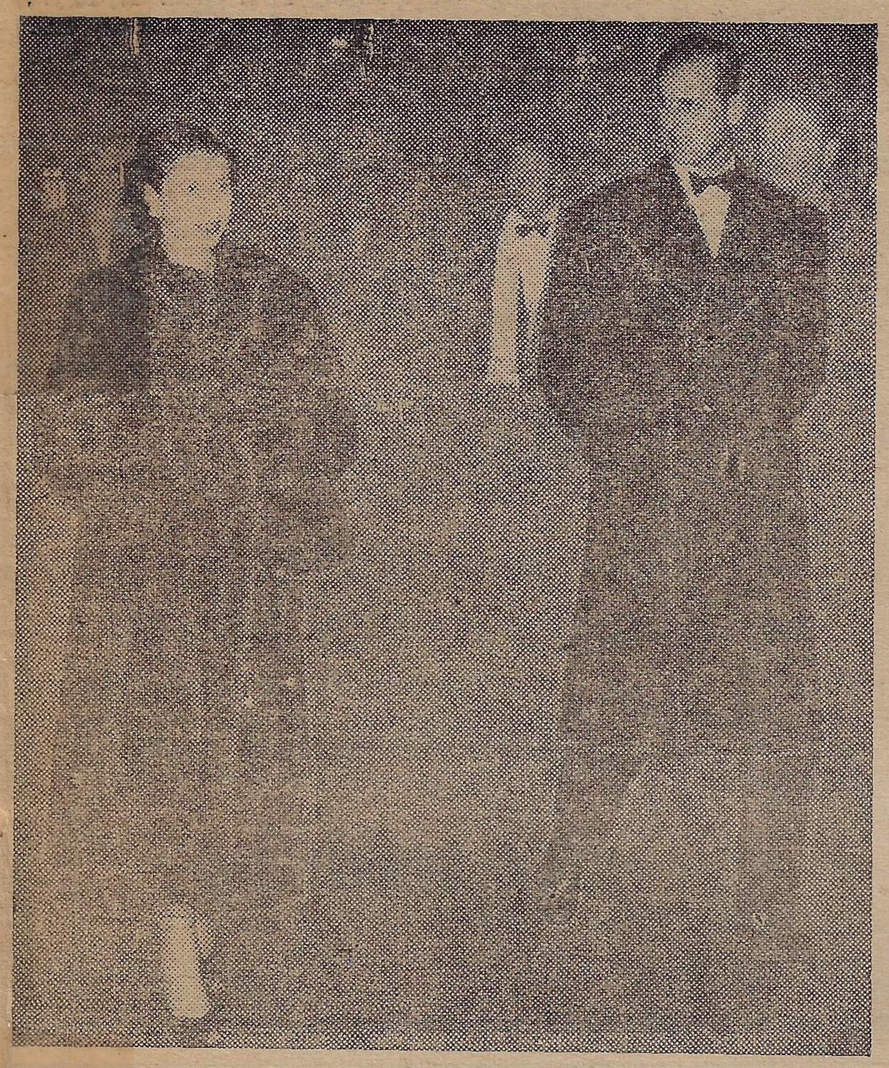


Merry Christmas

Many thanks for your friendship and patronage in the past year!

May the holidays bring you Happiness in the bright year-a-coming.

Michael Hamar
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WHEN IN Edmonton Princess Elizabeth and her husband set the pace for new styles in both women's and men's clothing. Philip is acknowledged as one of the best dressed men in the world.

as the teacher, Miss Melnyk has left. But there are hopes of a new teacher coming after the holidays. Some of the children are going to school at Grandin.

A whist drive was held at the home of J. A. Whitford, when a good time was had by all.

On Dec. 23 Rev. Greenough will conduct a Christmas service at the home of J. A. Whitford.

CHURCH NEWS

CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Cannon H. G. Harper

Mission House, Wandering River services will be held on the third Tuesday of each month.

Grassland — Services will be held on the first and third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m.

Boyle: St. Paul's Church—Sunday school, 10 a.m. Morning Service 11 a.m. weekly.

St. Paul's Cub Pack will meet every Saturday morning in the Vets' Hall at 10 a.m.

Lac la Biche services have been discontinued for the winter months.

For further information, please contact Mr. W. D. Chester, Rector's Warden.

Christmas Seals fight Tb.

TB. KILLS MORE MEN THAN WOMEN

Tuberculosis kills more men than women in Canada, but in certain age groups the toll amongst women is high. Over one-third of the deaths among women between 20 and 29 are caused by tuberculosis.



May your house vibrate with laughter and merriment this wonderful Christmas Season.

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BRIEREVILLE NEWS BRIEFS

Roads are getting rather blocked up again with the snow and wind storms.

A whist and bingo party was held in the Briereville schoolhouse on December 9 by Rev. Fr. Bregazlia in aid of the Catholic church. There was a good attendance and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Briereville school is now closed



To our friends and customers all over town we send our hearty wishes for a joyous season. May you have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with promise.

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CHRISTMAS

Greetings

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Young Geologist Loses Life In Sub-Zero Cold

LAC LA BICHE — The funeral of W. J. Elder, 26-year old geologist of Edmonton, was held Tuesday at Howard McBride's funeral chapel, following his death by cold and exhaustion only four miles from Lac la Biche.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alister Elder, flew from Port of Spain and arrived in Edmonton Monday night.

The young man was found frozen to death by Joe Cherkas and Wilfred Laderoute at 8:30 Saturday morning. He had become lost while driving across the lake and when his car became stuck in the snow, attempted to walk to town. He had already covered 10 miles and then fallen, exhausted, four miles short of his goal.

The youthful geologist is said to have crossed the ice to drilling operations on the north shore of the lake. He was successful in crossing the lake but took a wrong turn and became stuck with his car in heavy snow.

When the two Lac la Biche fishermen discovered the body they reported their find to the RCMP and Consts. Kennedy and Moar brought the body back to town.

Marks in the snow around the car indicate that Elder worked hard to free his car before setting off on foot to walk back the 14 miles to Lac la Biche town. It is believed he may have stopped to rest and been overcome by the cold.

District Coroner Dr. A. M. Brinsmead said no inquest would be held.

Elder had just returned from post graduate work at the University of Texas in June. Born in Port of Spain, Trinidad, he was schooled in England, at McGill University in Montreal and graduated in geology from the University of Alberta in 1950.

Employed by Lincoln Nauss consulting geologists, Elder had not spent much time in Edmonton since his return in June. He has worked at oil wells and with geological parties in many parts of the province.

Two Christmas Sunday Services At United Church

LAC LA BICHE — There will be two Christmas services Christmas Sunday in the Lac la Biche United Church—one in the morning and one in the evening. The evening service will be largely a Christmas Carol service.

A candlelight service will be held at 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, to which all are cordially invited.

The annual Sunday School Christmas party and concert will be held in the Legion Hall on Friday, Dec. 21, at 8:00 p.m. All parents and friends are invited as well as the regular Sunday School pupils.

St. Catherine's Hospital News

There were three births in St. Catherine's Hospital during the past week. On Dec. 9 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zachkewich of Spruce Valley; a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Dubrownyj of Noral Dec. 12, and on Dec. 14 a son to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Lebeuf of Rich Lake.

In hospital during the week: Vivian Barrett, Grassland; Mrs. Roy Whitford, Lac la Biche; Donald Beaudry, Lac la Biche; Miss Mary Wakuluck, Lac la Biche; Mrs. James Harris, Bondiss; Mrs. Henry Dydyk, Boyle; Baby Jackie Rochon, Plamondon; Mrs. Beryl McMillan, Tweedie; Baby Robert Lightening, Kikino; Harry Camp- Rich Lake; Mrs. Wm. Nykolyn, bell, Mile 137; Ernest Cadreien, Serrail; Mrs. Leon Vincent, Lac Normandeau; Mrs. Harvey Ken- la Biche; Sharon Whitford, Lac la nedy, Hylo; Mr. Ben Johnson, Biche.

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Briereville—2:30 p.m.
Carol Service—7:30 p.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Carol Candlelight Service — 11:00 p.m.

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Mr. Harry Campbell Loses Finger

IMPERIAL MILLS — Mr. Harry Campbell of the Campbell and Petrie Sawmill, suffered extensive injuries to his right hand when he got it caught in some mechanism on the mill. When he pulled it out he was minus his third finger and the two on either side of it were badly mutilated. At present his hand is in a cast and it is not known if these two fingers will have to be amputated or not. Mr. Campbell is in the hospital in Lac la Biche.

The second dance of the season was held here at the schoolhouse on Saturday, Dec. 8, and a very good time was had by all. Music was supplied by boys from Mesher's and Werstiuk's camps and was certainly applauded by the dancers.

Congratulations are the order of the day to the local gas-man on the arrival of brand new members to the family.

IMPERIAL MILLS NEWS BRIEFS

A dance was held in the school on Dec. 8. Proceeds are for the children's Christmas tree.

Miss Anne Hoffman is rehearsing the pupils for a Christmas concert to be held at the school on Dec. 21.

Mr. Cliff Anderson had the misfortune of hurting his leg while carpentering. He is walking with crutches now but this won't be for very long.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Couture spent the week-end at Lac la Biche.

Mrs. Bozok, accompanied by Patricia and baby Joan, went on a shopping trip to Lac la Biche.

Lorne Lyon is relieving Mr. Zutz as time-keeper. Mr. Lyon was employed previously with the Imperial Lumber Co. at Athabasca.

Mrs. Lilly Hamelin of Lac la Biche is here visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. Real Bouchard and Joanne are holidaying with Mrs. Bouchard's parents at Brierville. Mr. Bouchard is loading pulpwood at Pitlochrie.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Francis recently made a trip to Manitoba to visit relatives.

Mr. Eugene McAllico was head nurse when a very unusual patient came to Bunkhouse No. 12.



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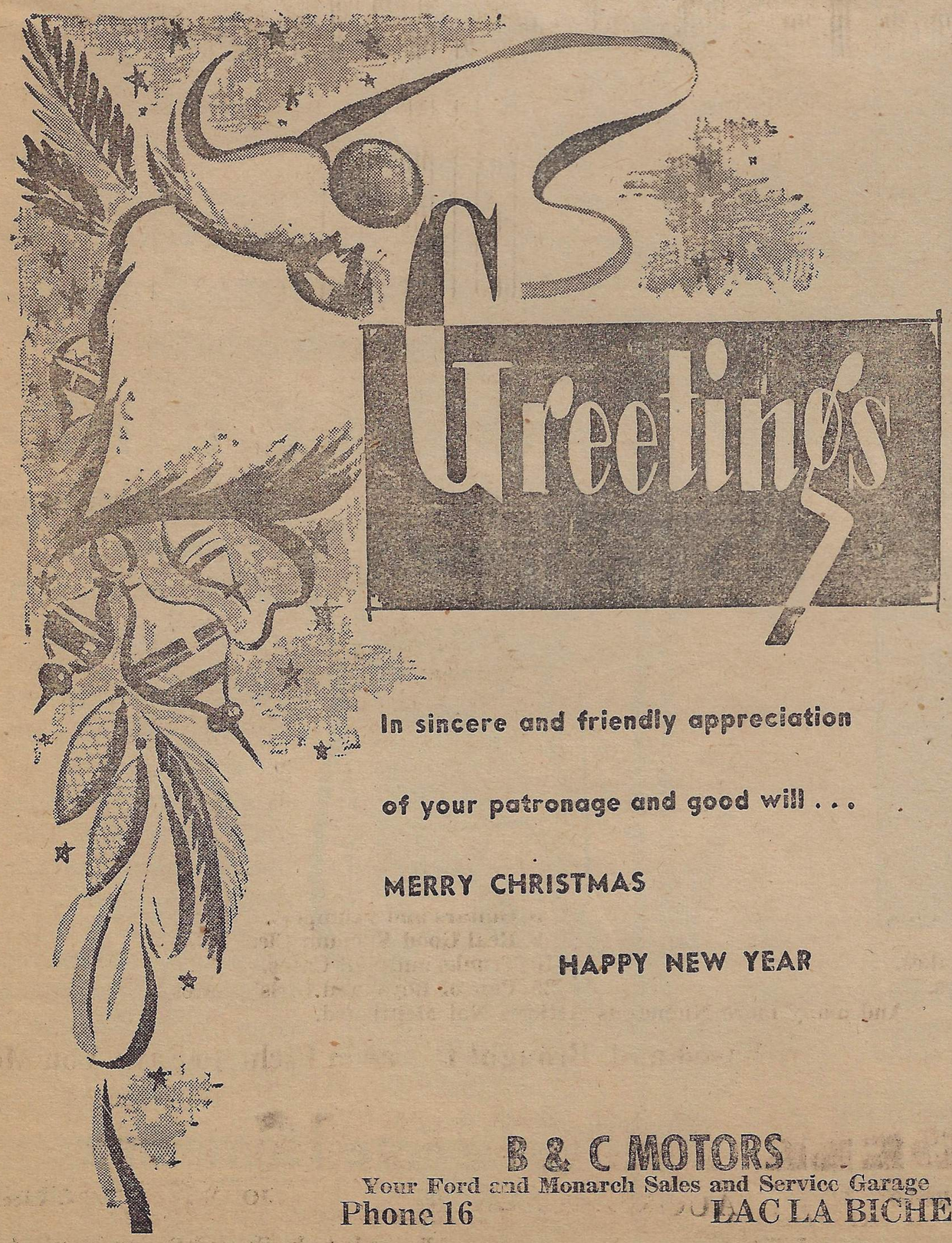
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CASLAN NEWS BRIEFS

The first entertainment held in the new Caslan school was on December 7, when the teachers, Mrs. E. Sawchuk and Miss Elsie Chomay, put on a whist drive and bingo to raise funds for Christmas treats for the children. Mrs. John Gordey and Mr. Walter Meyer won first prizes and Mrs. Walter Meyer and Donald Gordey received consolation prizes playing cards. Peter Krawchuk received a box of chocolates as the lucky holder of a raffle ticket.

Mrs. M. Holash has taken over the janitor work at the school.

Steve Cherniwchan, Bill and Harry Wolansky have returned to their jobs getting out pulpwood after spending the week end with their families.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bury and Willard spent a couple of days in Edmonton recently.

Mr. J. Andrews has gone to Edmonton to spend the winter months.

Koronda and Bordian have opened a new store in Caslan, which makes four stores now.

Mrs. K. Cislo is spending a few days in Thorhild on account of her mother's illness.

Lake Louise, near Banff, has been called the "Most beautiful" single scene in North America."



May a myriad of Christmas joys be yours, and may the warmth of friendship surround you as you and your family gather around the tree on Christmas day.

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Best wishes to all our many friends . . .
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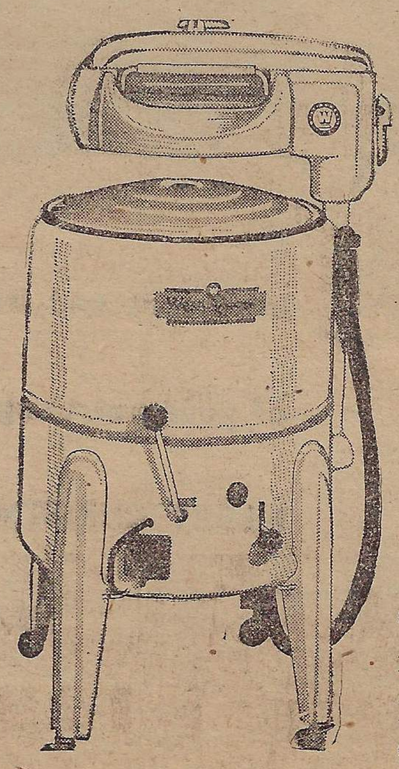
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FOR SALE—10 acres of black soil, no buildings, Calgary power available, $4,000. No agents. Apply 9745 51 Ave. C D-12-19-26-R

FOR SALE—Good store building 28x50 with living quarters in rear. Small garage. Three lots on corner in small thriving town on Lac la Biche highway. School with all grades up to 12, only five minutes walk. Bill Hlushak. Phone X109, Grassland, Alta. C D-15-22-29

[illegible] on highway, 27 acres under cultivation, rest in pasture; 4-roomed house, lights and phone. Drilled well with electric pump, barn, garage, granary and other buildings. One-quarter mile from Clyde. Apply J. Hindle, Clyde, Alta. P D-15-22

THREE ROOM furnished house, two thousand dollars down, balance on easy terms, half block from centre of town. Apply Michael Hamar, Lac la Biche. C D-19-26

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Old Age Pensioners Not Forgotten

People often forgotten during the rush of Christmas week are remembered by the Department of Public Welfare.

These are the old age pensioners, who too often must spend their Christmas alone. The Old Age Pensions Branch help these people by sending their usual end-of-the-month cheques to them in time for Christmas.

This year, old age pensions will be mailed on Dec. 20, together with a cheery card, reminding many that they have not been forgotten.

Metis Christmas

The true Christmas spirit is shown by the Metis Branch, Department of Public Welfare, for children residing in Alberta Metis colonies.

Any teacher at the Government-operated schools who wishes to present a program or concert is allowed $10 from the school fund, to help pay for treats for the youngsters and to aid in their concert.

'San Patients Not Overlooked

Christmas will be as bright as possible for patients at the Central Alberta Sanatorium near Calgary through the efforts of the sanatorium's staff, and the kindness of various organizations.

A week before Christmas, a special Christmas tree is held at the sanatorium under the combined auspices of such organizations as the Canadian Red Cross, the Catholic Women's League and others. Gifts are distributed to the patients by women who pass through the gaily decorated wards.

On Christmas Day, visiting hours are extended so that it is possible for patients to have their loved ones visit with them all day. A few up-patients who are well enough to travel are allowed to spend Christmas Day at home.

The interiors of all buildings at the Central Alberta Sanatorium are decorated with Christmas ornaments and a large evergreen outside the main building is pressed into service as the main symbol of the season. It is beautifully lighted and crowned with an illuminated revolving star.

RENTALS

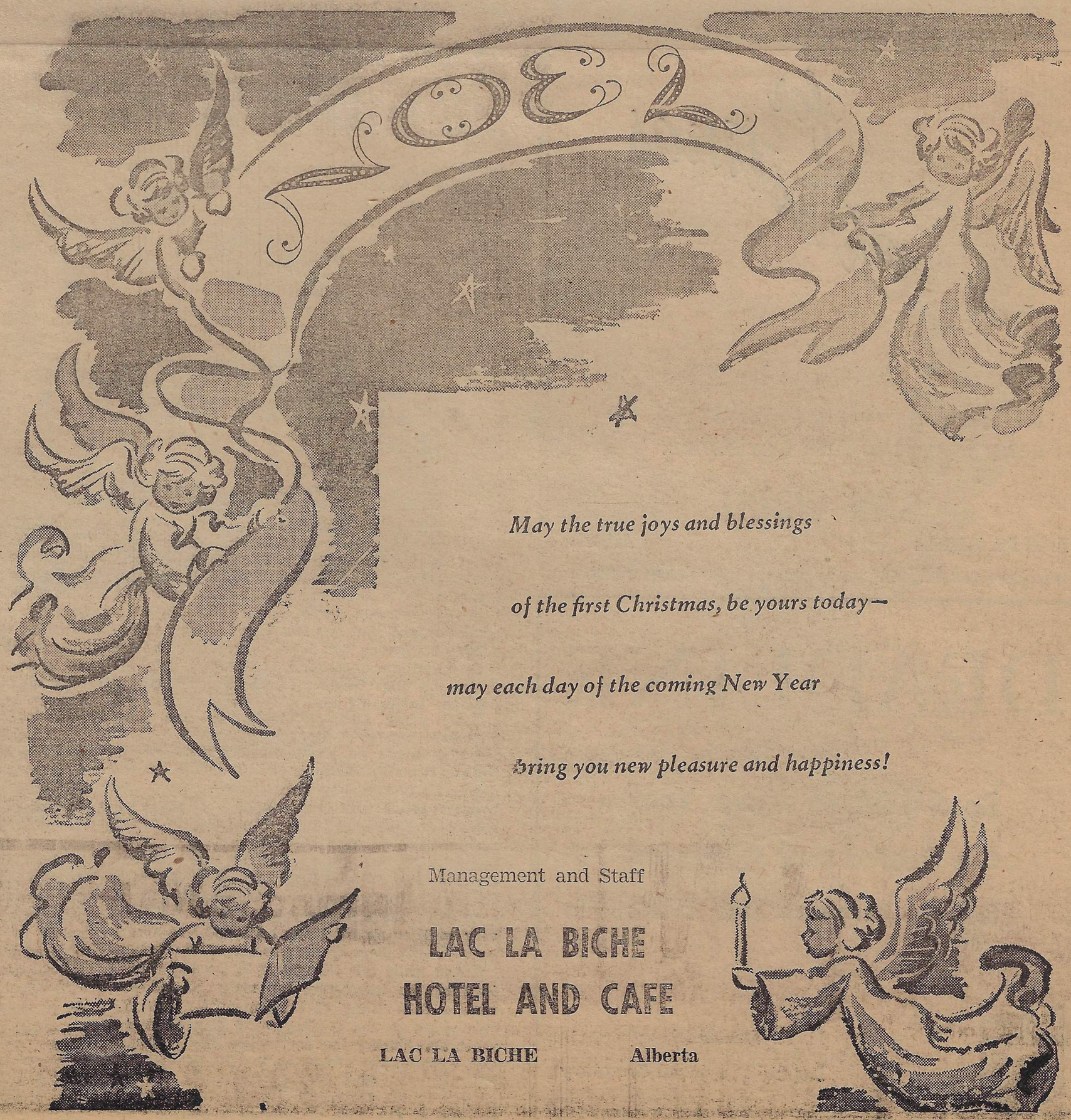
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No fooling!
We do wish you
all that's good and gay
at Christmas!

R. E. Piquette
Your John Deere Dealer
Plamondon Alta.



May the true joys and blessings

of the first Christmas, be yours today—

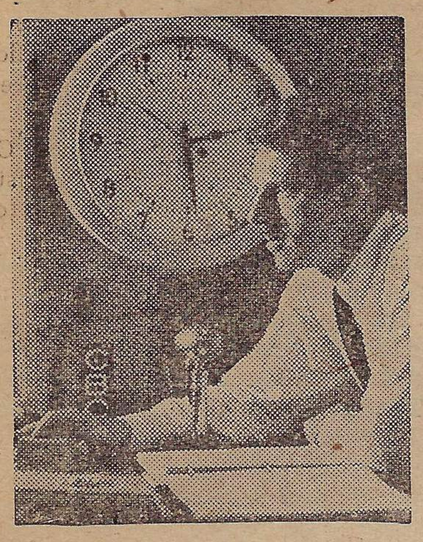
may each day of the coming New Year

bring you new pleasure and happiness!

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HOTEL AND CAFE

LAC LA BICHE Alberta



NINE SECONDS before rehearsal time for the Theatre Hour, heard Friday nights at 8:00 p.m., CST, 7:00 p.m. MST, on CBC Dominion, producer Alan Savage is ready to give the go-ahead signal. Quiet-spoken, dryly humorous, with a slow smile Savage demands the best from his players. He spends hours auditioning aspiring Ophelias and reading scripts, preferring to use Canadian plays or adaptations whenever possible. Alan began announcing in Kitchened, Ontario, in 1932, then moved to radio stations in Windsor, Detroit, Buffalo, St. Catherines and, in 1938, made his headquarters in Toronto as a freelance writer announcer, actor and producer. He has directed the Ford Theatre since it began in 1949.

CHRISTMAS SEAL CAMPAIGN ENTERING 25th YEAR

This is Canada's 25th nationwide Christmas Seal Sale to obtain funds for the prevention of tuberculosis. As early as 1908 individual Tuberculosis Association in Canada conducted Christmas Seal sales, but in 1927, this became the accepted method of obtaining funds for the prevention of tuberculosis.

Dr. Swift's Modern School

LAC LA BICHE — This modern schoo', which has eight classrooms, a typing room, a laboratory and an office, affords an education to two hundred and fifty-six pupils attending from various points. They are vanned in from Hylo, Venice, Craigend, Briereville, Normandeau and Mangin. There are grades from 3 to 12.

The annual Christmas Concert will be held in the Aurora Theatre on Thursday, Dec. 20, commencing at 8 p.m. The concert will contain the following items: five plays, tap-dancing and drills, and singing of Christmas Carols. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Anyone wanting to skate, come to Dr. Swift's school ground on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Pleasure skating on Sunday.

AVERAGE COST

The average cost of a case of tuberculosis, including loss of wage, clinic service and hospital care, is approixmately $5,200. This is a luxury no one can afford. Buy Christmas Seals and help stamp out this disease.

GOURIN NEWS BRIEFS

GOURIN — Mr. Frank Ulliac has returned home from the hospital where he underwent a serious operation in the General Hospital, Edmonton.

A dance was held recently in Gourin School with a very poor attendance. Net profits was about $4.00. Northern Ramblers' Orchestra from Grassland supplied the music.

Mr. John Ulliac has recently had electricity enstalled in his house and farm buildings.

A bingo party will be held in the School Sunday, Dec. 16 at 2:00 p.m. Proceeds are for the children's Christmas presents.

Mr. Kenneth Fischer recently returned home from the hospital.

Full time enrollment of undergraduates in Canadian universities and colleges during 1950-51 was about 70,000, down 15,000 from the peak enrollment of 1947-48.



Hi Folks!

It's Christmas!

The best time of year for wishing people well . . . and so we wish you all the Merriest of Christmases.

Atmore Hotel

ATMORE Alta.

for Christmas

May your Christmas be filled with peace and with something of the calm joy of the first Christmas.

SAM WOOLL

LAC LA BICHE Alberta

DEADLINE

Be SURE to Have Your Car Tested and Approved Before January 2nd, 1952

E. R. HUGHES,
Deputy Provincial Secretary

RADIO TALK OF J. M. DECHENE, M. P.

FEDERAL CONSTITUENCY OF ATHABASCA

Broadcast over CFRN, Edmonton, December 4th, 1951

Again from Parliament Hill I have the honour and the pleasure to call upon you and for a few minutes bring you some of the thoughts I have in mind as to the work of the Parliament lately.

It is only about 48 hours since we discussed these matters together over Radio Station CJCA.

No one will deny that in the few weeks that we have devoted to our representation here the Members of Parliament have accomplishd a great deal of work and that some most beneficial legislation has been placed upon the Statute Books and that preparations are being laid for other legislations which will prove of very great importance indeed to the further development and prosperity of our country. When we say this, I refer to the resolution yet to be debated introduced a few days ago by the Hon. Lionel Chevrier, Minister of Transport, to proceed with the initial work in regard to further canalization of the St. Lawrence River to make the waters of this river navigable for ocean traffic of tonnage clear through to the West end of the Great Lakes at Fort William and Port Arthur. Although I mentioned this matter in my talk over the other radio station, I believe that it is of such importance that I am justified in bringing this matter again to your attention. It shows what incredible advances we have made in Canada during the last decade or two and what incredible improvements have taken place in our ability to finance such vast and costly projects which a few years ago appeared only as a dream for a far distant future.

I wish to repeat the thought expressed in the other radio talk to the effect that some years ago when I became a Member of Parliament anyone who would have suggested that Canada would be in a position to proceed with this undertaking on its own, without any financial help or support from the United Stetes of America would have been looked upon as a dreamer. Yet it has come to pass and unless the Americans make up their mind very soon, the legislation which will follow the passing of the resolution will provide for the formation of the necessary body of men qualified to advise the Government on such a gerat undertaking. Of course, this will not be done in one day. No such far-reaching projects of that importance and costing so much money may be completed at once but a real start is being made.

The other matter which I only referred to briefly in the previous talk is that question of the elimination of the discriminatory freight rates which have proved so costly to Western Canada for a long time. The vital question is being thoroughly studied and debated before a special committee of the House and in Parliament itself but there again we must remind ourselves that these remedies also cannot be applied immediately and that our two great railway transportation systems will have to gradually adjust their operations in order to fully meet with the desire of the Western Prairies, particularly Alberta, to be on the same level as it were, as any other part of Canada in this most important matter of transportation.

The debate on the motion in reply to the Speech from the Throne is still going on. We devote to it two days and nights a week, and because there will be no budget at this fall session of Parliament, more Members are taking advantage of the opportunity to make their views known than ever before. I must admit that to the onlooker it would appear as a waste of time and I also admit that there are a lot of repetitions and that our country could get along very well, or should I say better, if less speech making took place at all sessions of Parliament.

And while this thought is in mind, I believe it would be interesting for many to tell you what a full sitting of Parliament for one day only costs to the ratepayers of Canada. Some years ago, during the depression, such a financial wizzard and expert as the Rt. Hon. R. B. Bennett, who was Prime Minister of Canada, as you know, from 1930 to 1935, discussed in Parliament the cost of holding a session; Mr. Bennett and experts in this line of endeavour had arrived at the sum of $12,000 to $15,000 a day for each day of sitting. Today, when the cost of everything involved in the work of Parliament in session has greatly increased, it is calculated to be between $18,000 to $20,000 a day. It is a large sum of money which some of us Members hesitate to spend uselessly. How many speeches made are worth this or any part of that amount? I have held the opinion that although a man may at times, and at other times must take the floor in order to give his views on matters of vital importance, it remains true that a great deal of the most useful work of Parliament is done in the committees of the same whose work hardly becomes known to the public except when reports of their deliberations are brought to Parliament.

For instance, this afternoon as I dictate these lines, there are not very many Members in Parliament and to the unwary or to the unwise onlooker it would appear as if there was a great deal of lack of interest or lack of their duties by the Members; but they are not absent from Parliament without undue reason. They are busily and deeply engaged in doing the work of these committees before which experts in the matter which is being debated are called, books and documents produced, etc. so that the matter of interest which has been referred to it may be fully discussed and fully understood. This afternoon three of these committees are sitting and that means that some 60 to 75 Members are engaged in that most important work on behalf of the people and let me tell you that it is real work and in a long session very tiresome work. It simply means that the Members have to be in their office at least at 9 o'clock or before in order to take care of their correspondence and to deal on behalf of their constituents with matters which are submitted to them every day, then from 11 o'clock to one o'clock, attend to committee meetings, hurry to lunch and at 2:30, according to the day, be present for the opening of the House and the Order of the Day where questions are being asked and answered. Then immediately some of these committees again proceed with their sittings so that the Members may be ready in time for thorough consideration by the fully assembled House.

In Britain they have evolved a better system I believe than we have in our own Parliament. When a question of importance arises the whips of the parties get together and decide upon who they wish to take the floor to debate that particular item of business, generally of course, choosing the men best qualified and best informed in that particular matter; and they further agree that only so many speeches will be heard, so that interminable debates as we often have here in Ottawa do not take place and do not use the time of the House which might be better employed in other work. We may some day be compelled to adopt such a form of procedure. What is the use, for instance, of a lot of Members standing up in the House and using hour after hour to support views and attitude when these have already been made known to Parliament and their leaders.

According to the last news, an armistice may be concluded in Korea and our soldiers may be spared the terrific hardships and danger of another winter campaign in that country. Elsewhere in the world, in spite of the attitude of our friends from beyond the Iron Curtain, there appears undoubtedly to be an improvement in the attitude and in the mind of the majority of the people. I hope that the situation does not change for the worse before my voice reaches you over the air because this is December, the month of Christmas, of rejoicing, of friendship, of good wishes being exchanged sincerely; it is the month when in a few weeks we Christians will bow our heads in gratitude to God who saw fit to send His Son to redeem humankind and to bring peace on earth; therefore, allow me to say to you all in Athabasca and everyone in Northern Alberta within the reach of my voice that it is with the utmost sincerity that I repeat the centuries old but ever new greeing, a Merry Christmas and a most Happy and Prosperous New Year. Good night.

LAC LA BICHE NEWS NOTES

Johnnie Morrie from Andrew visited friends here.

Tony Varze was in the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Letourneau, from Edmonton, visited relatives and friends here the past week.

The Sunday School teachers held a meeting at the home of Mrs. F. Holmes on Tuesday evening.

Bill Harris was in the city one day last week.

Walter Gordichuk visited at Mile 137 recently.

The school children are busy practicing for their concert, to be held on Thursday, Dec. 20, in the Aurora Theatre.

Mrs. Decota Miller, who has been first cook on the NAR extra gang for the past nineteen months, is moving her furniture to Edmonton, where she is taking up residence and will take her three children, Harry, Winnie and Kennie, who have been in the Kiwanis Home for the last three years.

Miss Margarette and David Cadieux returned home Friday from Three Hills, where they are attending Bible School.

The children of the United Church Sunday school are practicing for their concert, to be held in the Memorial Hall on Friday, December 21.

Noe Letourneau was in the city recently.

Red Cherkas was in the city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Letourneau and daughter Orena, returned home from Whitecourt, where Oscar was working in the bush and Mrs. Letourneau was cook. Mrs. Letourneau and Orena have gone to Edmonton, to visit her mother, and Oscar is employed here on the Hons. oil well crew.

Donald Beaudry has been in the hospital for the past week with a strept throat. He is employed at Ray Scheltens' fur farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Calvert's eldest son, Jerald, of Athabasca, had the misfortune to break his leg and hip.

The Lions Club held a turkey bingo in the Memorial Hall last Thursday.

Mr. Anderson motored from Coutts, Montana.

Ike Settles had the misfortune to get a piece of steel in his right eye.

Hector McCormick was in Edmonton.

Ernie Schirrmacker spent two days in the city.

Mr. H. E. Carran, Inspector of Dept. Municipal Affairs, spent last week attending the annual convention in Edmonton.

Miss K. Gregus, teacher at Spruce Valley, visited friends enroute to Edmonton.



To our friends and customers all over town we send our hearty wishes for a joyous season. May you have a wonderful Christmas and a New Year filled with promise.

George Homeniuk

LAC LA BICHE Alta.

Quebec Engineer Loaned To Greece As Labor Expert



—S.N.S. Photo

The Quebec provincial government's department of labor has loaned one of its key men, Gabriel Rousseau, to assist in Greece's vocational training program now being reorganized by the International Labor branch of the U.N. A graduate of the Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Rousseau, seen above, will spend a year in Greece standardizing curriculum in that country's vocational training schools.

VISIT ENDS IN STAY

PEARISBURG, Va.—On his way home after visiting his son, Albert, in a hospital here, James Hardy Williams, 69, was struck by an auto and returned to the same hospital with a broken leg and other injuries.

Men's And Ladies' Bowling Standings This Week

LAC LA BICHE—The editor is pleased to publish not only ladies' bowling scores this week, but the men's too. Here they are:

Ladies' League Standings

	W	L	Pts
Coutney	16	6	32
Gordichuk	13	9	26
Konowalchuk	18	4	36
Hamar	6	16	12
Hayduk	4	0	8
Quast	10	2	20
Ray	10	12	20
Wolstenholme	14	8	28

Men's League Standings

	L	W	Pts
S. Templeton	0	0	8
R. Mechetti	0	2	16
L. Rowland	0	0	2
V. Varze	1	1	12
A. Selinger	0	2	14
W. Gordichuk	0	2	14
J. Kimm	0	2	6
L. Badry	2	0	10

PLAMONDON NEWS BRIEFS

Plamondon YCF held a meeting on Sunday, Dec. 9.

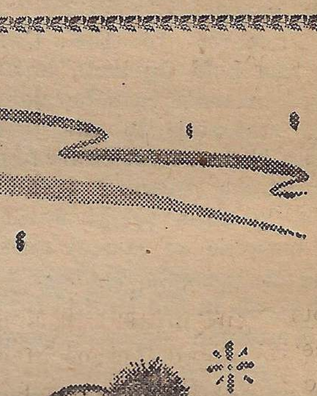
A concert was given in Plamondon Community Hall, Dec. 8, by the YCF.

The men are still working hard on the telephone line. They plan on returning after the holidays.

The children in school are enjoying a new radio.

The Plamondon Church Choir are busy practising Christmas hymns for midnight mass to be held on Christmas Eve.

Fight Tb. with Christmas Seals.



May a myriad of Christmas joys be yours and may the warmth of friendship surround you as you and your family gather around the tree on Christmas day.

A Very Merry Christmas!

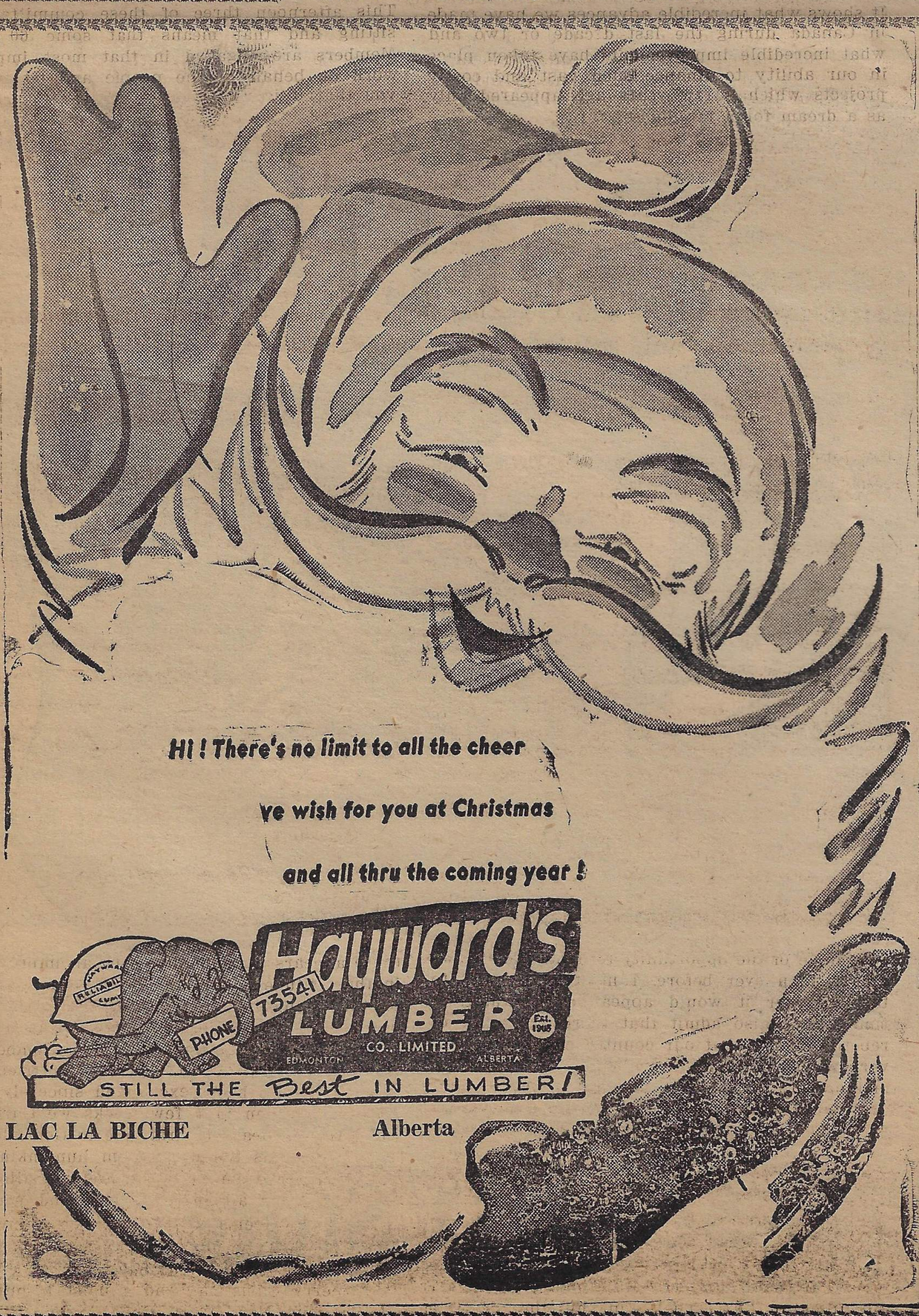
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LAC LA BICHE Alta.

May Christmas and New Year pair off brightly to keep you gaily skimming through life!

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Imperial Bank Assets, Deposits At All-time High Level

All-time records in asset and deposits were set, and loans and profits showed a marked increase over the previous year, shareholders of Imperial Bank of Canada were told at the 77th annual meeting in Toronto on Wednes, day, November 28th.

Reviewing current conditions, the president, Mr. I. K. Johnston, pointed out that during the year the Canadian economy had been operating at near capacity. Employment had been at record levels, and gross national production would be well over $20 billion in 1951, a rise in real output of 5 to 6 percent as compared with 4 percent in 1950.

A notable upsurge in spending had been accompanied by an upward movement in the cost of living. Aside from the threat from communist countries, our most vexing problem had been inflation.

Deterioration in the dollar situation, said Mr. Johnston, might retard restoration of our exports overseas. No factor was so important in the worldwide battle against inflation as stabilization of prices in the United States. We too must master our inflationary forces.

Our exports to the United States had held up well, but the expected increase in sales volume of raw materials to the United Kingdom had not yet come about.

The strong upward trend of imports, he said, might not continue, because of recent restricables, and possible shortages of capital goods in the United States.

As American defense production grew, Canada's exports to the United States should continue to grow also. With lower stocks of raw material and food in Britain and their defense requirements added, our exports to them should grow if dollars could be found.

We were now, said Mr. Johnston, in one of our greatest periods of expansion. The amount of capital being devoted to resource development, industrial plant and equipment, power-generating capacity, transportation equipment, oil development agriculture and housing was truly phenomenal. Defense production was now adding its quota. Not only was there a growth in our productive agents — labour, capital and resources — but they were used with increasing efficiency.

But between June, 1950 and June, 1951 our cost-of-living index rose by about 14 percent, the trend now continuing on a more moderate scale. A redirection and curtailment of our spending was necessary to avoid further inflation. Current measures to meet the problem appeared to be having their effect, and consumer spending had declined. But a rising defense expenditure would permit of no early or large relaxation in restrictions.

"The Canadian economy," said Mr. Johnston, is buoyant and should remain so if it can be managed in such a way as to control the inflationary pressures inherent in our present circumstances. Our difficulties arise from the searching pressures of the international situation. Perhaps the best one can hope for is a prolonged period in which we and the other associated nations must continue the policy of containment of Russia. We have, I feel, made progress in this and if we manage our affairs successfully, despite these continuing pressures, we need not fear for our safety nor our economic well-being."

The general manager, Mr. L. S. Mackersy, reported assets at a new all time level of $535,606,041, deposits of $484,742,046 also at a new high and profits of $2,862,000 up $211,692, with profit and loss account at $2,075,745. Investments totalled $196,768,301, and oans $234,074,343 — an increase of $28,631,000.

"The one domestic problem." said Mr. Mackersy, "and it was very real, is that of inflation, and all citizens should fully coprate by word and deed in any and all efforts being exerted to minimize the present trend of ever-increasing costs. To do otherwise is to court disaster."

Mr. Mackersy, continuing, said, "The farmers of the West experienced a difficult harvest season due to unfortunate weather conditions. Despite these difficulties the crop yield and quality and, therefore the financial returns will represent a vast improvement over the preceding year.

The cash payments from the sale of farm products for the first half of the current year were $1,246 million as compared with $887 million for the same period last year, and $1,085 million in 1949 was the best previous mark. This unprecedented increase in farm income was mainly due to increased marketing, although higher prices were also a contributing factor. As the second half of the year's income is invariably greater than the first, it can be confidently predicted that the total 1951 income will surpass anything previously attained. Perhaps an estimate of $3,000 million may be reached against $2,500 million, the highest previously earned in 1949.

In general the year to date has been one of substantial new developments as, for example, the aluminum project in British Columbia and the uranium fields of the North. Coupled with this is the further and notable increase in the oil developments of Alberta, with exploration actively continuing not only in that province but in Saskatchewan and Manitoba as well. Further steps in the development of the iron ore fields in Quebec and Labrador are also worthy of specific comment."

Will Hold Auction Sale In Lett's Store

LAC LA BICHE — T. B. Lett has announced that on Friday, Dec. 21, a special pre-Christmas Auction Sale will be held in the store. Literally thousands of items of quality merchandise will go under the auctioneer's block. Bell Auctions of Edmonton will handle the sale, which will be a cash sale.



We want to add our greeting to those of others who have wished you a season brimming with pleasure.

E. J. Woynarowich
Public Accountant
LAC LA BICHE



'Tis the night before Christmas and right from our hearts . . . comes the wish that this may be the

Merriest Christmas Ever!

CENTRAL SERVICE GARAGE
Dealers for Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Buick Cars . . . Chevrolet and GMC Trucks . . . B.A. Products
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Merry Christmas
AND A
HAPPY NEW YEAR



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JOHN DEERE DEALER

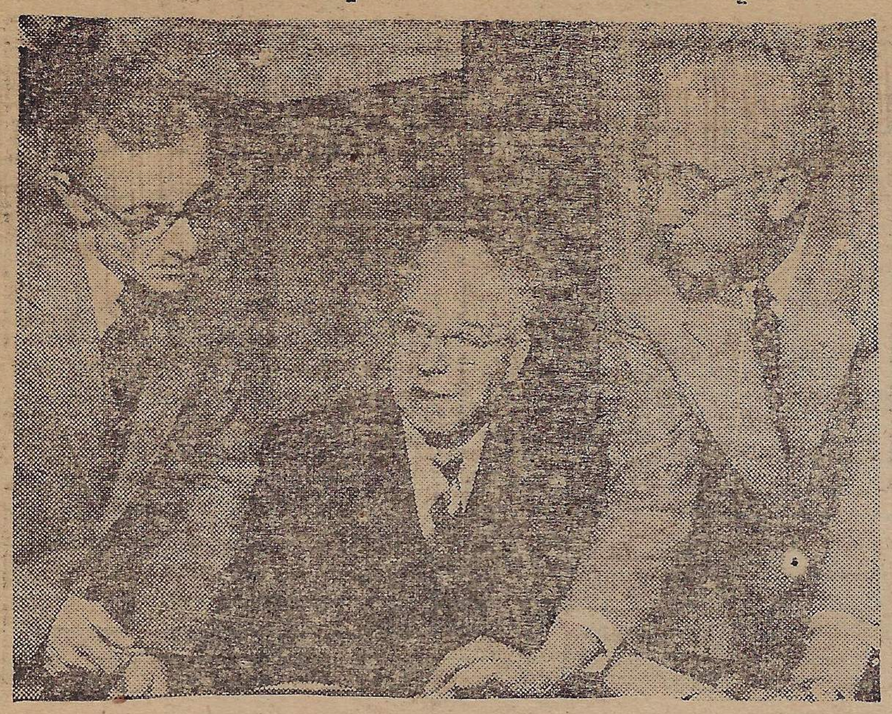
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From all at our friendly store . .
we send Holiday Greetings right to your door!

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New Technique For Small Hospital



—S.N.S Photo

At Dunnville, Ont, a new experiment in small-hospital efficiency is being tried. Opening its doors for the first time, hospital directors E. C. Ralph, T. Camelford, M. K Humpage revealed a system whereby the hospital, without expensive x-ray equipment, utilizes the x-ray offices in Hamilton, 38 miles distant. An x-ray, rushed to the Hamilton radiologist, is developed and a specialist then reports to the hospital by teletype as soon as he has examined the plate.

To Prevent Fires Follow These Rules

ThePrvincial Fire Commissioners urges Albertans to follow these safety rules to avoid fires during the Christmas seaons:

1—Christmas trees ignite easily and burn rapidly. A small, freshlycut tree that has been kept outdoors until the latest possible day is the least hazardous.

Christmas trees should not be set up until the day before Christmas. They should be packed in the coolest part of the house, away from radiators, heaters and fireplaces.

The base of the tree should be cut off at an angle at least one inch above the original cut. The tree should stand in a pail of water. The tree should be taken down when the needles begin to fall and, regardless of any other considerations, should be taken down anyway as soon as possible after Christmas.

2—When lighting trees, candles shoult not be used. Standard electric lighting sets bearing the label of the Underwriters' Laboratories and the Canadian Standard Association are recommended.

Sockets and wires should be in good condition. Circuits should not be overloaded.

3—Decorations of cotton, paper and pyroxylin are dangerous. Christmas trees should be decorated lightly and fire-resistant materials such asbestos, metal and glass used. Flameproofed materials are desirable.

4—Celluloid toys are dangerous. Parents should insist that all toys are safe and incapable of causing fires and explosions. Film projectors should use only safety films; power toys should be operated only under adult supervision; electric toys should bear the labels of the Canadian Standards Association or the Underwriters' Laboratories. Electric toys and trains should not be set up under the Christmas tree.

5—All gift wrappings, waste paper and rubbish should be taken outside and placed in a covered barrel or incinerator.

6—In case of fire at home, get everybody out of the house and call the fire department.

7—In case of fire in public places, keep calm and walk to the nearest exit.

The typical Canadian household now pays $11 a week in taxes to the federal government alone; in 1938 the figure was $4 a week.

Lac la Biche Weather Index Hits The Skids

LAC LA BICHE—Like a toboggan on a steep hill, the thermometer at the weather office has been on the downgrade for the past week. On Friday last Old Man Winter treated residents to a high of 16 degrees below zero and a low of 28 below.

Following are the day to day readings taken at the weather station:

Dec.	Max.	Min.
8	14.9	-16.7
9	34.2	-13.5
10	24.9	10.3
11	26.0	17.7
12	9.2	0.7
13	2.4	-12.0
14	-16.3	-28.0

Total precipitation—0.31 ins.

Immigrants' Xmas Merry And Bright

The Alberta British Commonwealth Association, founded by British immigrants, works in cooperation with the Immigration Branch, Department of Economic Affairs, to make new immigrants from Great Britain feel at home.

The group will put on an old-fashioned English party this Christmas, complete with old country dancing and food. For many immigrants spending their first Christmas away from their homeland, it will help them to the homesickness the season often enjoy the season, and to relieve brings.



May you spend Christmas with those you love . . . may your heart be filled with joy . . . may Santa be good to you . . . and may God bless you now, and through the year ahead.

A Merry Christmas to all

FROM

D. S. Semeniuk

GENERAL STORE

GRASSLAND Alta.

We're hurrying our

Merry Christmas Greetings

to all our friends.



JACK WOLSTENHOLME

JEWELLER

LAC LA BICHE Alberta

Silent Night



Our Greetings are as familiar as the lovely carols that fill the air at Christmas... with the same, true notes . . . we say to you:

Joy to the World!

ROYAL CAFE

LAC LA BICHE Alberta



IN THE SPIRIT OF FRIENDSHIP AND GOOD WILL THAT IS CHRISTMAS — WE THANK OUR MANY CUSTOMERS FOR THEIR CONTINUAL PATRONAGE.

Northern Utilities

LAC LA BICHE Alberta

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Marks of Success

Mabel was all dressed up for a date with a successful man.

"How do you know he's such a success?" her girl friend wanted to know.

"Well, his name is on every sucker list in the country," Mabel replied, "the government takes most of his income, and he has two ulcers."

Misunderstood

"Give me a pound of those plums. My husband if fond of them. Do you know if they have been sprayed with any kind of poison?"

"No, ma'am; you'll have to get that at the drug store."

What a Shame

A well-known woman was famous for her charity. She couldn't bear to know of the distress of others without doing something to relieve it. She returned to her table in a restaurant recently and informed her husband that she had just given $20 to the woman in charge of the ladies' cloakroom.

"What's the matter with you?" asked her husband. "What's the idea of spending money like that?"

The woman's eyes began to dim with tears.

"The poor thing," she explained, "told me she had no television set."

Now He Knows

For several minutes the young man did not speak. His heart was too full. It was enough for him to know that his glorious creature loved him; that she had promised to be his wife.

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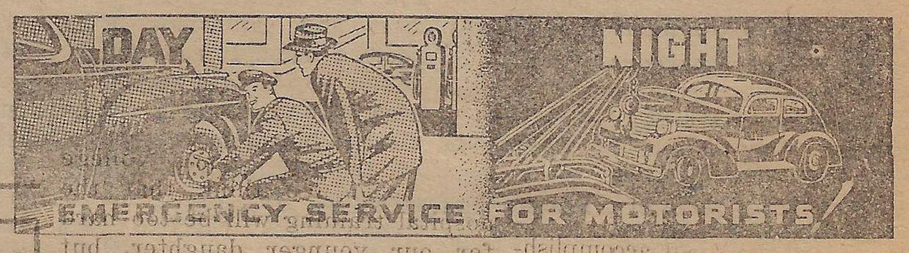
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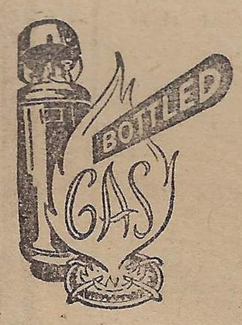
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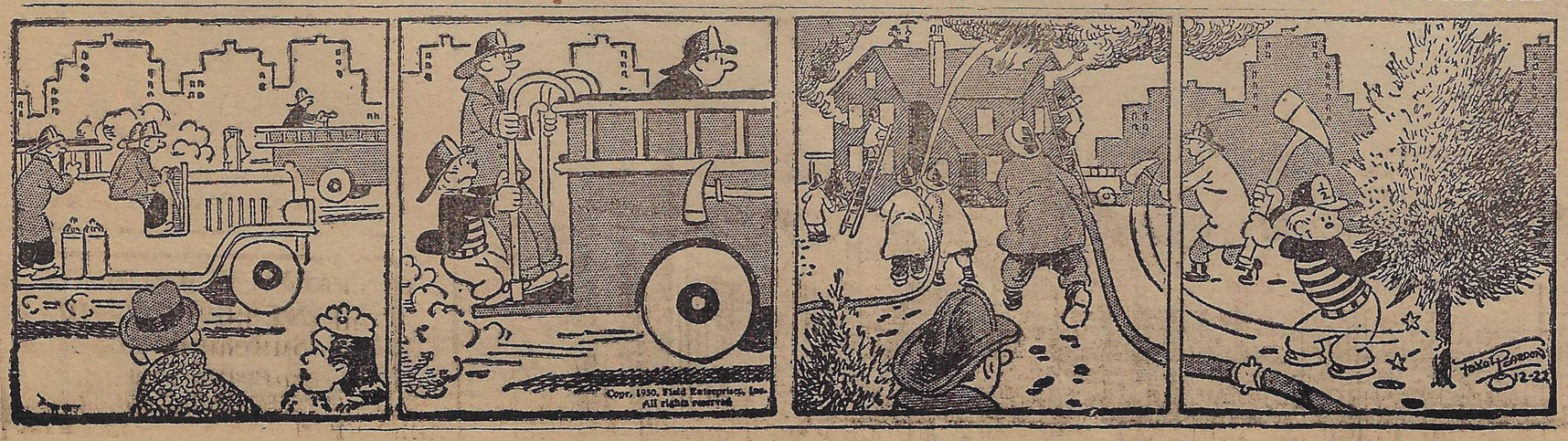
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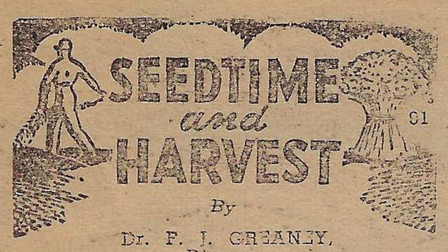
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In this fortunate land of Canada it is difficult to realize that, on vast areas of the globe, hunger and want are still man's daily companions. Why is it that this country of ours is so favoured in the eternal struggle for food? Is it because we have larger areas of more fertile soil? No, the answer lies mainly in our ability to make use of the results of agricultural research. The western farmer has been able to combine the fruits of science with his own sweat and skill to perform food production miracles.

At this Christmastime, despite the bitter disappointments so many experienced in harvesting this year's record grain crops, western farmers can and should rejoice in the fact that they are among the most fortunate of all people on the face of the Earth. In agricultural production alone they have revealed to the world what can be achieved when the hearts, minds, and hands of men are free. Their accomplishments have brought us a better way of life, a life more abundant for every family, for city people no less than for farmers. Furthermore, the farmers of the Prairie Provinces are not only helping to maintain the strength of the Western World in these uneasy days; but they offer a hope and a model for farmers all over the world.

On behalf of the Line Elevator Companies, our sponsors, we extend to all our readers, the "Season's Greetings," and the best of good wishes for "The Coming Year."

LETTERS TO LOUISA

Dear Louisa:

I am a girl who makes many many mistakes. I am forever being foolish and getting a boy friend and then dropping him for another. My friends will not invite me to parties or anything any more. I am hoping that you will help me to regain my position with the gang by your wise answer.

LEFT OUT.

Answer:

It seems obvious that you are old enough to enjoy the company of boy friends, but not old enough to have settled your affections for any one of them. You do not want to "get serious" with any boy, just for the sake of having a regular boy friend, until the right one comes along. And when that happens, you'll know it and so will he and you'll not feel "left out". You should encourage the companionship of young men and women of your own age by attending church and social events. Don't wait for others to bring you into their circle—be active and go out to others and bring them into your own social sphere.

LOUISA.

Dear Louisa:

I am a mother and have two daughters who have just finished school. One is planning to become a teacher and the other wishes to go in training as a nurse.

We had hoped that they would both become teachers and toward that end we have saved enough money to pay for their college education. We think that the hospital training will be too hard for our younger daughter, but nothing we can say has any effect on her.

Do you think we should just tell her that she cannot go in training or what do you advise?

MOTHER.

Answer:

I think you would be very unwise to tell your daughter that she cannot go in training. If that is what she has always wanted to do that is possibly where she will be happiest and make the biggest success.

However, it does seem a shame for her to give up the chance of a college education when so many girls are longing for the opportunity to go to school. College will mean a great deal to her, no matter what kind of a trade or profession she chooses to follow and a girl who goes in training, having such an educational background, will be able to go farther in her profession than one who lacks it.

Perhaps you and your daughter will be happier if she will agree to finish college before she goes in training. There are many studies she can select while there which will make her training period much easier later on.

But when she does complete her college work, you must be perfectly willing for her to go on with the career she desires.

LOUISA.

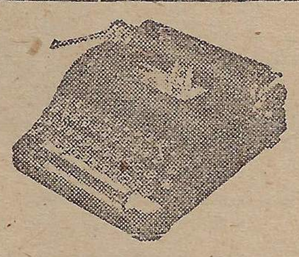
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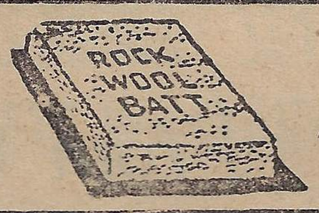


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Mr. Klein said the company plans to build again in the spring, to replace the yard, office and hardware store destroyed by fire earlier this fall. He said that construction would already be underway except for the fact that the cement footings were crumbled by the intense heat of the fire and will have to be replaced. This cannot be done until the frost is out of the ground.

Edmontonians Present Play

SPRUCE VALLEY — On Saturday, Dec. 8, a Ukrainian play, "Whose Child," was held in our district hall. This play was acted by the "Edmontonians," and will be well remembered by the large crowd present that night as a "laugh-a-minute play," since everybody thought it was very interesting and funny.

Miss Madeline Gregus was a recent visitor at her sister's, Kay Gregus.

Mr. Peter Homenuik was a recent visitor to Edmonton.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Zilinski and their worker, Dave Chernychyn, left for Calgary on Sunday, Dec. 9.

Plamondon YCF Presents Concert

Plamondon YCF presented a three-act comedy play to residents on the evening of December 8. "Cabbages or Dollars" was the play, under the direction of the president, Miss Shirley Gagnon.

Those taking part were: Grandpa, Romeo Piquette; Arda Martin, his grand daughter, Rita Gauthier; Zinny, the colored cook, Fern Belanger; Ezra Jones, the town boob, Alcide Gauthier; Sadie Jones, his sister, the town's newsreel, Anita Gauthier; Jake Mason, the dollar boy, Charles Gaudet; Jim Powell, more interested in cabbages, Paul Piquette; Daisy Burke, the town "belle," Dorothy Charbonneau; Dolly Collins, her sidekick, Emile Plamondon; Chuck Emery, Dolly's fiance, Clifford Gagnon, Jr.; the sheriff, Eugene Plamondon, and the extra boys and girls: Rena Plamondon, Isabelle Lemay, Lucille and Lillian Gauthier, Marlene Peacock, Della Belanger, Rosaire and Louis Plamondon and Garry Johnson.

The scene took place in Grandpa Parker's restaurant. Between acts songs were sung by Fern and Della Belanger, Rita and Lucille Gauthier, Shirley Gagnon and Rosaire Plamondon.

Lunch was served and a five dollar bill was raffled.

Provincial Member Back On Job

LAC LA BICHE—Harry Lobay, local member of the Provincial Legislature, was seen back at work in his store, with the help of a crutch.

Mr. Lobay managed to get out of hospital in time to attend the recent Social Credit caucus, but reports it was a real accomplishment getting up and down the marble steps of the buildings at the capital with a lame foot.

To Whom It May Concern

My wife Nellie Krupa, having left my bed and board, I will not be responsible for any debts by her from this date, December 8, 1951.

Stanley Krupa,
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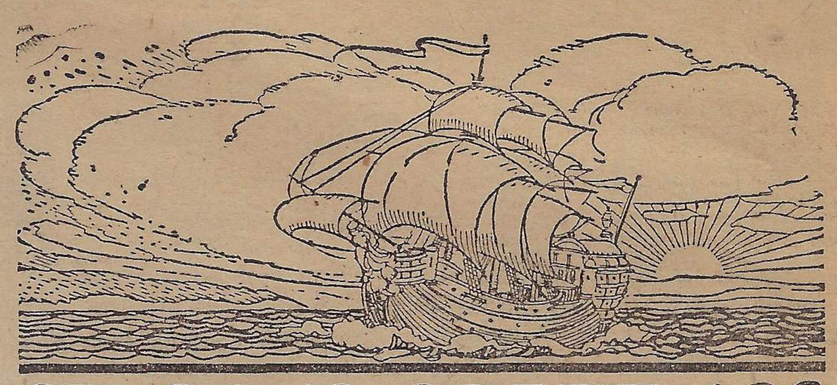
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